



Reference Card

ACE Forth

| Stack Notation | Cells | Description |
|----------------|-------|-------------------------------|
| <i>c</i> | 1 | Character (high byte ignored) |
| <i>flag</i> | 1 | Boolean (0 = False, 1 = True) |
| <i>n</i> | 1 | Signed number |
| <i>u</i> | 1 | Unsigned number |
| <i>x</i> | 1 | Non-specific single cell |
| <i>adr</i> | 1 | Memory address |
| <i>d</i> | 2 | Signed double number |
| <i>ud</i> | 2 | Unsigned double number |
| <i>xd</i> | 2 | Non-specific double cell |
| <i>f</i> | 2 | Floating point number |

Immediate words in Green

Immediate and compile-only words in Blue

Stack Manipulation

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| DROP | $(x \rightarrow)$ | Discard TOS (top of stack) |
| DUP | $(x \rightarrow x \ x)$ | Duplicate TOS |
| ?DUP | $(x \rightarrow x \ (x))$ | DUP, if non-zero |
| OVER | $(x_1 \ x_2 \rightarrow x_1 \ x_2 \ x_1)$ | Copy second on stack to top |
| PICK | $(x_{n\dots} x_1 \ n \rightarrow x_{n\dots} x_1 \ x_n)$ | Copy n^{th} cell to top |
| ROLL | $(x_{n\dots} x_1 \ n \rightarrow x_{n-1\dots} x_1 \ x_n)$ | Rotate n^{th} cell to top |
| ROT | $(x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \rightarrow x_2 \ x_3 \ x_1)$ | Rotate 3 rd cell to top |
| >R | $(x \rightarrow)$ (R: $\rightarrow x$) | Move TOS to Return Stack |
| R> | $(\rightarrow x)$ (R: $x \rightarrow$) | Retrieve from Return Stack |
| SWAP | $(x_1 \ x_2 \rightarrow x_2 \ x_1)$ | Exchange the two top cells |

Comparison

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|--------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| < | $(n_1 \ n_2 \rightarrow \text{flag})$ | True if $n_1 < n_2$ |
| = | $(n_1 \ n_2 \rightarrow \text{flag})$ | True if $n_1 = n_2$ |
| > | $(n_1 \ n_2 \rightarrow \text{flag})$ | True if $n_1 > n_2$ |
| 0< | $(n \rightarrow \text{flag})$ | True if $n < 0$ |
| 0= | $(n \rightarrow \text{flag})$ | True if $n = 0$ |
| 0> | $(n \rightarrow \text{flag})$ | True if $n > 0$ |
| U< | $(u_1 \ u_2 \rightarrow \text{flag})$ | True if $u_1 < u_2$ |
| D< | $(d_1 \ d_2 \rightarrow \text{flag})$ | True if $d_1 < d_2$ |
| MAX | $(n_1 \ n_2 \rightarrow n_3)$ | Leave greater of two numbers |
| MIN | $(n_1 \ n_2 \rightarrow n_3)$ | Leave lesser of two numbers |

Logical

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| AND | $(x_1 \ x_2 \rightarrow x_3)$ | Bitwise boolean AND |
| OR | $(x_1 \ x_2 \rightarrow x_3)$ | Bitwise boolean OR |
| XOR | $(x_1 \ x_2 \rightarrow x_3)$ | Bitwise boolean XOR |

Integer Arithmetic

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| + | $(n_1 \ n_2 \rightarrow n_3)$ | $n_3 = n_1 + n_2$ |
| - | $(n_1 \ n_2 \rightarrow n_3)$ | $n_3 = n_1 - n_2$ |
| * | $(n_1 \ n_2 \rightarrow n_3)$ | $n_3 = n_1 * n_2$ |
| / | $(n_1 \ n_2 \rightarrow n_3)$ | $n_4 = n_1 / n_2$ |
| MOD | $(n_1 \ n_2 \rightarrow n_3)$ | Remainder of n_1 / n_2 (sign of n_1) |
| /MOD | $(n_1 \ n_2 \rightarrow n_3 \ n_4)$ | $n_3 = \text{remainder of } n_1 / n_2$ $n_4 = n_1 / n_2$ |
| */ | $(n_1 \ n_2 \ n_3 \rightarrow n_4)$ | $n_4 = n_1 * n_2 / n_3$ |
| */MOD | $(n_1 \ n_2 \ n_3 \rightarrow n_4 \ n_5)$ | $n_4 = \text{remainder of } n_1 * n_2 / n_3$ $n_5 = n_1 * n_2 / n_3$ |
| 1+ | $(n_1 \rightarrow n_2)$ | $n_2 = n_1 + 1$ |
| 1- | $(n_1 \rightarrow n_2)$ | $n_2 = n_1 - 1$ |
| 2+ | $(n_1 \rightarrow n_2)$ | $n_2 = n_1 + 2$ |
| 2- | $(n_1 \rightarrow n_2)$ | $n_2 = n_1 - 2$ |
| ABS | $(n \rightarrow u)$ | $u = n $ (absolute value) |
| NEGATE | $(n_1 \rightarrow n_2)$ | $n_2 = -n_1$ (two's complement) |
| U* | $(u_1 \ u_2 \rightarrow ud)$ | $ud = u_1 * u_2$ |
| U/MOD | $(ud \ u_1 \rightarrow u_2 \ u_3)$ | $u_2 = \text{remainder of } ud / u_1$ $u_3 = ud / u_1$ |
| D+ | $(d_1 \ d_2 \rightarrow d_3)$ | $d_3 = d_1 + d_2$ |
| DNEGATE | $(d_1 \rightarrow d_2)$ | $d_2 = -d_1$ (two's complement) |

Floating Point Arithmetic

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| INT | $(f \rightarrow n)$ | Convert floating number to integer |
| UFLOAT | $(u \rightarrow f)$ | Convert unsigned integer to float |

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|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| F+ | $(f_1 \ f_2 \rightarrow f_3)$ | $f_3 = f_1 + f_2$ |
| F- | $(f_1 \ f_2 \rightarrow f_3)$ | $f_3 = f_1 - f_2$ |
| F* | $(f_1 \ f_2 \rightarrow f_3)$ | $f_3 = f_1 * f_2$ |
| F/ | $(f_1 \ f_2 \rightarrow f_3)$ | $f_3 = f_1 / f_2$ |
| FNEGATE | $(f_1 \rightarrow f_2)$ | $f_2 = -f_1$ |

Memory

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|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| @ | $(adr \rightarrow x)$ | Read x (2 bytes) from adr |
| ! | $(x \ adr \rightarrow)$ | Store x (2 bytes) to adr |
| C@ | $(adr \rightarrow c)$ | Read c (1 byte) from adr |
| C! | $(c \ adr \rightarrow)$ | Store c (1 byte) to adr |

Control Structures

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|----------------|-----------------------------|---|
| IF | $(\text{flag} \rightarrow)$ | Conditional structure IF..(ELSE)..THEN |
| ELSE | (\rightarrow) | False condition of an IF structure |
| THEN | (\rightarrow) | End of an IF conditional structure |
| DO | $(n_1 \ n_2 \rightarrow)$ | Counted loop structure DO...LOOP (n_2 = count start, n_1 = count end) |
| LOOP | (\rightarrow) | Increment loop count, terminate if end |
| +LOOP | $(n \rightarrow)$ | Add n to loop count, terminate if end |
| I | $(\rightarrow n)$ | Get current loop count |
| I' | $(\rightarrow n)$ | Get current loop count limit |
| J | $(\rightarrow n)$ | Get outer loop count |
| LEAVE | (\rightarrow) | Force a DO...LOOP count to end |
| BEGIN | (\rightarrow) | Begin a WHILE or UNTIL loop |
| UNTIL | $(\text{flag} \rightarrow)$ | Loop until $\text{flag} = \text{true}$ (BEGIN..UNTIL) |
| WHILE | $(\text{flag} \rightarrow)$ | Exit loop when $\text{flag} = \text{false}$ (BEGIN..WHILE..REPEAT) |
| REPEAT | (\rightarrow) | Jump back to BEGIN in a WHILE loop |
| EXIT | (\rightarrow) | Exit current word execution |
| EXECUTE | $(adr \rightarrow)$ | Execute word with compilation adr |
| CALL | $(adr \rightarrow)$ | Call Z80 code (terminated with jp(iy)) |
| ABORT | $(\dots \rightarrow)$ | Quit program, clearing data stack |
| QUIT | (\rightarrow) | Quit program, not clearing data stack |

Character Input/Output

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|-------------------|-------------------------|---|
| CR | (\rightarrow) | Print carriage return and line feed |
| ASCII text | $(\rightarrow c)$ | ASCII code of first character in $text$ |
| EMIT | $(c \rightarrow)$ | Print ASCII c character |
| SPACE | (\rightarrow) | Print one space |
| SPACES | $(n \rightarrow)$ | Print n spaces, if $n > 0$ |
| ." | (\rightarrow) | Print a string terminated by " |
| TYPE | $(adr \ n \rightarrow)$ | Print n characters from adr |
| QUERY | (\rightarrow) | Accept entry at the input buffer |

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|---------------|-----------------------|---|
| WORD | $(c \rightarrow adr)$ | Take text from input buffer using c as delimiter, leave adr of length byte |
| RETYPE | (\rightarrow) | Allow input buffer editing, turning cursor to  |
| INKEY | $(\rightarrow x)$ | Read keyboard (0 = no key pressed) |

Number Input/Output

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|----------------|--|---|
| BASE | $(\rightarrow adr)$ | 1-byte variable containing system number base |
| DECIMAL | (\rightarrow) | Set base to decimal |
| . | $(n \rightarrow)$ | Print n with one trailing space |
| U. | $(u \rightarrow)$ | Print unsigned with one trailing space |
| F. | $(f \rightarrow)$ | Print float with one trailing space |
| CONVERT | $(d_1 adr_1 \rightarrow d_2 adr_2)$ | Convert string at adr_1 to double number and add into d_1 leaving result d_2 |
| <# | (\rightarrow) | Initiate formatted output |
| # | $(ud_1 \rightarrow ud_2)$ | Convert one digit from ud_1 and HOLD it in the PAD |
| #S | $(ud \rightarrow 0 0)$ | Convert and HOLD all remaining significant digits |
| HOLD | $(c \rightarrow)$ | Insert character into formatted string |
| SIGN | $(n \rightarrow)$ | HOLD minus sign if $n < 0$ |
| #> | $(ud \rightarrow adr n)$ | Finish formatted output leaving address & length of the resulting string |
| NUMBER | $(\rightarrow x (adr))$ $(\rightarrow n 4102)$ $(\rightarrow f 4181)$ $(\rightarrow 0)$ | Get number from input buffer Converted to integer Converted to float Conversion failed |

Word Definition

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| : <i>word</i> | (\rightarrow) | Start a <i>word</i> definition |
| ; | (\rightarrow) | Terminate a word definition |
| VARIABLE <i>name</i> | $(x \rightarrow)$ | Define a variable with value x |
| <i>variable-name</i> | $(\rightarrow adr)$ | Get variable adr |
| CONSTANT <i>name</i> | $(x \rightarrow)$ | Define a constant with value x |
| <i>constant-name</i> | $(\rightarrow x)$ | Get constant value |
| IMMEDIATE | (\rightarrow) | Mark newest word as immediate |
| CREATE <i>name</i> | (\rightarrow) | Create a dictionary entry |
| DEFINER <i>word</i> | (\rightarrow) | Start a defining <i>word</i> definition |
| DOES> | $(\rightarrow adr)$ | Define the action routine of a defining word |

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| COMPILER <i>word</i> | $(n \rightarrow)$ | Start a compiling <i>word</i> definition |
| RUNS> | $(\rightarrow adr)$ | Defines the action routine of a compiling word |
| FIND <i>word</i> | $(\rightarrow adr)$ | Find <i>word</i> compilation address (0 if not found) |
| FORGET <i>word</i> | (\rightarrow) | Clear all definitions back to <i>word</i> |
| LIST <i>word</i> | (\rightarrow) | List <i>word</i> definition |
| EDIT <i>word</i> | (\rightarrow) | Edit <i>word</i> definition |
| REDEFINE <i>word</i> | (\rightarrow) | Replace previous <i>word</i> with the newest dictionary entry |

Vocabulary

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| VOCABULARY <i>name</i> | (\rightarrow) | Define a new vocabulary |
| <i>vocabulary</i> | (\rightarrow) | Set CONTEXT = <i>vocabulary</i> |
| CONTEXT | $(\rightarrow adr)$ | Get current word search vocabulary address (15411) |
| CURRENT | $(\rightarrow adr)$ | Get current word definition vocabulary address (15409) |
| FORTH | (\rightarrow) | Set CONTEXT to the FORTH vocabulary |
| DEFINITIONS | (\rightarrow) | Set CURRENT vocabulary to CONTEXT |
| VLIST | (\rightarrow) | List dictionary to screen |

Compiler

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|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| , | $(x \rightarrow)$ | Compile x into the dictionary |
| C, | $(c \rightarrow)$ | Compile c into the dictionary |
| ALLOT | $(n \rightarrow)$ | Enclose n bytes in the dictionary |
| LITERAL | $(x \rightarrow)$ | Compile x as literal |
| [| (\rightarrow) | Enter interpret mode |
|] | (\rightarrow) | Enter compile mode |

Miscellaneous

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| (| (\rightarrow) | Start a comment, terminated by) |
| CLS | (\rightarrow) | Clear screen |
| AT | $(n_1 n_2 \rightarrow)$ | Set print position to row n_1 and column n_2 |
| HERE | $(\rightarrow adr)$ | Next available dictionary location |
| PAD | $(\rightarrow adr)$ | Scratch pad area address (9985) |
| SLOW | (\rightarrow) | Normal execution. Enable error checks |
| FAST | (\rightarrow) | Faster execution. Disable error checks |
| BEEP | $(u_1 u_2 \rightarrow)$ | Play tone $u_1 = 1000000 / (8 * \text{frequency [Hz]})$ $u_2 = \text{duration [ms]}$ |

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|--------------|-----------------------------|--|
| IN | $(adr \rightarrow c)$ | Read byte from Z80 input port adr |
| OUT | $(c adr \rightarrow)$ | Write byte to Z80 output port adr |
| INVIS | (\rightarrow) | Disable copy-up mechanism and OK |
| VIS | (\rightarrow) | Enable copy-up mechanism and OK |
| LINE | (\rightarrow) | Interpret the input buffer as FORTH |
| PLOT | $(n_1 n_2 n_3 \rightarrow)$ | Plot at n_1 (X), n_2 (Y) with mode n_3 (0 = unplot, 1=plot, 2=move, 3=change) |

Tape Files

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| LOAD <i>name</i> | (\rightarrow) | Load vocabulary from tape |
| SAVE <i>name</i> | (\rightarrow) | Save vocabulary to tape |
| VERIFY <i>name</i> | (\rightarrow) | Verify vocabulary |
| BLOAD <i>name</i> | $(adr u \rightarrow)$ | Load u bytes from tape to adr |
| BSAVE <i>name</i> | $(adr u \rightarrow)$ | Save u bytes from adr to tape |
| BVERIFY <i>name</i> | $(adr u \rightarrow)$ | Verify u bytes from adr if $adr = 0$ then use file value (BLOAD or BVERIFY) if $u = 0$ then use file value (BLOAD or BVERIFY) |

Error Codes

| Error | Description |
|-------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | Not enough memory |
| 2 | Data Stack Underflow |
| 3 | BREAK pressed |
| 4 | Compile only word |
| 5 | Structure imbalance |
| 6 | Name size < 1 or > 64 |
| 7 | PICK or ROLL operand ≤ 0 |
| 8 | Floating point overflow |
| 9 | AT or PLOT to the input buffer |
| 10 | Tape error |
| 11 | REDEFINE or FORGET error |
| 12 | Incomplete definition in dictionary |
| 13 | Word not found or is ROM or is FORTH |
| 14 | Word not Listable |